

prior to the court at which the case is tried. In other respects the cause of challenge shall be the same as now provided by law.

Other causes unaltered.

SEC. 6. That the court, or any party to an action, civil or criminal, shall be allowed, in selecting the jury, to make inquiry as to the fitness and competency of any person to serve as a juror, without having such inquiry treated as a challenge of such person, and it shall not be considered by the court that any person is challenged as a juror until the party shall formally state that such person is so challenged.

Inquiry without challenge.

Challenge formal.

SEC. 7. That nothing in this act shall be construed as interfering with or changing any law authorizing jurors to be summoned from counties other than the county of trial.

Jurors from other counties.

SEC. 8. That the provisions of this act as to criminal cases shall not apply in the trial of persons for crimes already committed.

Crimes heretofore committed.

SEC. 9. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 10. That this act shall be in force from and after April first, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

When act effective.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the first day of March, 1913.

CHAPTER 32.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE USE OF FIREARMS BY CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That any person being the parent or guardian of, or standing in *loco parentis* to, any child under the age of twelve years, who shall knowingly permit such child to have the possession or custody of, or use, in any manner whatever, any gun, pistol, or other dangerous firearm, whether such firearm be loaded or unloaded, or any other person, who shall knowingly furnish such child any such firearm, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Parents and guardians forbidden to allow children to have possession, custody or use of arms.

All persons forbidden to furnish arms to children.

Misdemeanor.

Punishment.

SEC. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the first day of March, 1913.